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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DAVID J. LOCKHART et al.

Application No.: Unassigned

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For: NUCLEIC ACID ANALYSIS
TECHNIQUES

Examiner: S.W. Houtteman

Art Unit: 1655

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 18-45 without prejudice. ✓

✓ If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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